



CITY OF TUCSON
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
(CODI)

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues was called to order by Barton Beck, Chair, on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., at Eastside City Hall, in the Conference Room, located at 7575 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.

1. Roll Call

Commission Members	Representing	Present/Absent
Ken Laux	Mayor	Absent
Vacancy	Ward 1	
Larry Lucas	Ward 2	Present
Michael Pesce – Vice Chair	Ward 3	Present
Barton Beck – Chair	Ward 4	Present
Vacancy	Ward 5	
Robert Blizzard	Ward 6	Present
George H. McFerron	Mayor/Council	Present
Jeffrey Handt	Mayor/Council	Present
Phyllis A. Cowman	Mayor/Council	Present
Vacancy	City Manager	
Jean Paul Jorquera	City Manager	Present
Sharon M. Ferrari	City Manager	Present
Staff Present	Representing	
John Zukas	City of Tucson Transportation Department	
Karin Erickson	Sun Tran	
Mary McLain	Van Tran	
Susan Jansen	Parks & Recreation	
Alison Colter-Mack	Equal Opportunity Office	
Joe Yee	Human Relations Commission	
Rick Guerra	Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office	
Guests	Representing	
Eve Hady	Aurora Foundation	
Cuitlahuac Rhummel	Living Independently with Freedom and Equality (LIFE)	
Jennifer Walker	Pima Council On Aging	
Ana Martinez	Pima Council On Aging	
Pat McGowan	Pima County Transportation Department	

2. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2006

The minutes of November 15, 2006 were not available for approval.

3. Staff Reports - Discussion/Recommendation/Action

- a. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas reported for the month of November there were two hundred forty-three (243) ADA Eligibility applications requested, two hundred fifty-one (251) applications received, twenty-six (26) applications returned incomplete, two hundred forty-three (243) applications processed and zero (0) applications denied. He also reported that they were set up internally to process the electronic vouchers, however, they were not set up to accept credit card payment. They were waiting for the hardware to be shipped for the electronic cash-register system. They should be able to process credit cards and move forward with the test market on Van Tran in a week.
- b. Sun Tran - Karin Erickson reported for the month of November there were two hundred ninety-one (291) service reports, of those reports there were nine (9) inquiries, thirty-six (36) compliments and two hundred twenty (220) complaints. Of those complaints, fifty-four (54) were chargeable and one hundred sixty-six (166) were not chargeable.
- c. Van Tran – Mary McLain gave an update. The demand for ridership in the month of October was one hundred forty-nine thousand six hundred forty-two (149,642), a 5.3 percent increase from the same period from last year; cancellations, which were under forty thousand, had an increase of ten percent from last year; no shows were ten thousand twelve (10,012). She also reported that in January they would have new vehicles in production to meet the increase in ridership demand, along with a 5.8 percent increase of services hours.
- d. Parks & Recreation – Susan Jansen reported the Rose Garden at Reid Park had been redone and was now open. She also reported the first annual Family Festival in the Park at Reid Park was a great success. Ms. Jansen said she wanted to remind everyone that the Zoo Lights in Reid Park Zoo was still going on and that next month was the Senior Olympics Festival.
- e. Equal Opportunity Programs – Alison Colter-Mack reported they were working on voting issues that involve having voting sites accessible.

She also said they were finishing up the compliance deadline on the City's eighteen (18) month facilities list and finishing up the training of individuals that was part of the mandate on awareness training for disabilities.

- f. Human Relations Commission (HRC) – Joe Yee said the HRC was working on a Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. He also reported that they were working on an event and award honoring Ray Davies.

4. Van Tran Policy and Voucher System Update Presentation by Mary McLain, Van Tran

Mary McLain announced they were working on the draft language of the Visit-ability Design Ordinance and returning with details in a future meeting.

5. Aurora Foundation Presentation by Dr. Stephanie Parker

Eve Hady stated she was there in place of Dr. Stephanie Parker to give a presentation on the Aurora Foundation, which was established for women and girls with disabilities. She said the mission of the Aurora Foundation was three fold:

- Research and Development
- Public Education
- Policy and Decision-making

She said the Aurora Foundation was a 501c3 founded on the vision that a new generation of leaders was needed for the future of our communities, our country and our world. Ms. Hady stated that they wanted to change the world, one girl at a time.

6. Call to the Audience

Susan Jansen, Parks & Recreation, asked if there were any changes to the CODI Parking Brochures and if there were any Parking Warning cards available.

7. Break (10 Minutes)

8. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events - Informational Only

Chair Beck announced that because of work relocation, Ken Laux had resigned and asked the commission to review the application of a prospective CODI member. He also announced the luncheon at the University of Arizona was interesting.

9. Commission Members Summary of Current Events – Informational Only

Mr. Blizzard said he spoke with Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager, about Rio Nuevo not being able to commit a location for the maintenance storage facility for the modern streetcar. Without a commitment, the Federal Funds for the streetcar could be lost. He also said they spoke about CODI's representation on Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).

Mr. Jorquera said that the University of Arizona would have a new class that would address accessibility issues on the campus.

Mr. McFerron said that they gave a presentation on the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance to Council Member Uhlich and had scheduled a presentation for Council Member West in January.

10. Sub-committee Reports

- a. Public Relations/Education – Mr. Pesce reported that in conjunction with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, they would have a workshop on “Disability Rights are Civil Rights” on January 11, 2007 and that they would be using the History of Disabilities tape that CODI had purchased. He also said they were planning for the Disability Conference and set a date of March 4, 2008.
- b. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) – Mr. Handt reported that parking lot issues kept coming up and that Development Services had not returned his phone calls.
- c. Transportation – Mr. Blizzard reported that after speaking with Cuitlahuac Rhummel from Living Independently with Freedom and Equality (LIFE) on the Mobility Training Program for Sun Tran, they came to the conclusion they needed to educate people in mobility devices about their responsibilities, and not just the bus drivers. He

also reported that twelve (12) new buses for Sun Tran would be delivered in January and that Sun Tran had a policy that addresses Segways on the buses.

- d. Housing – Mr. McFerron reported that a meeting was scheduled for next month.
- e. Legislation – No report was given.
- f. Employment – Chair Beck reported that in March 2007 there would be a job resource fair that Linkages would be involved with on the University of Arizona campus.

11. Budget Report and Expenditures

Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary reported that the remaining CODI funds in the fiscal year 2006 - 2007 budget at that time were \$3,029.66.

- a. Martin Luther King, Jr. Event January 11, 2006 Expenditures (brochure copies and beverages)
Discussion/Recommendation/Action

MOTION by Ms. Cowman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Mr. Laux absent) to spend up two hundred dollars for a banner which would read "Disability Rights are Civil Rights" with a CODI Logo.

- b. Inclusive Home Design Ordinance brochures/mailings
Discussion/Recommendation/Action

MOTION by Ms. Cowman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Mr. Laux absent) to spend up to four hundred fifty dollars for printing and mailing of the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance brochures.

12. Introduction of Potential CODI Commissioner – Discussion/Recommendation/ Action

Jennifer Walker introduced Ana Martinez from Pima Council On Aging as a potential CODI Commissioner.

MOTION by Mr. Pesce, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Mr. Laux absent) to forward a recommendation of Ana Martinez for the City Manager vacancy on CODI.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Ad in Paper for CODI Vacancies
- Homebuilder Awards
- CODI Retreat Planning Committee
- Transportation Policies

14. Adjournment 4:35pm